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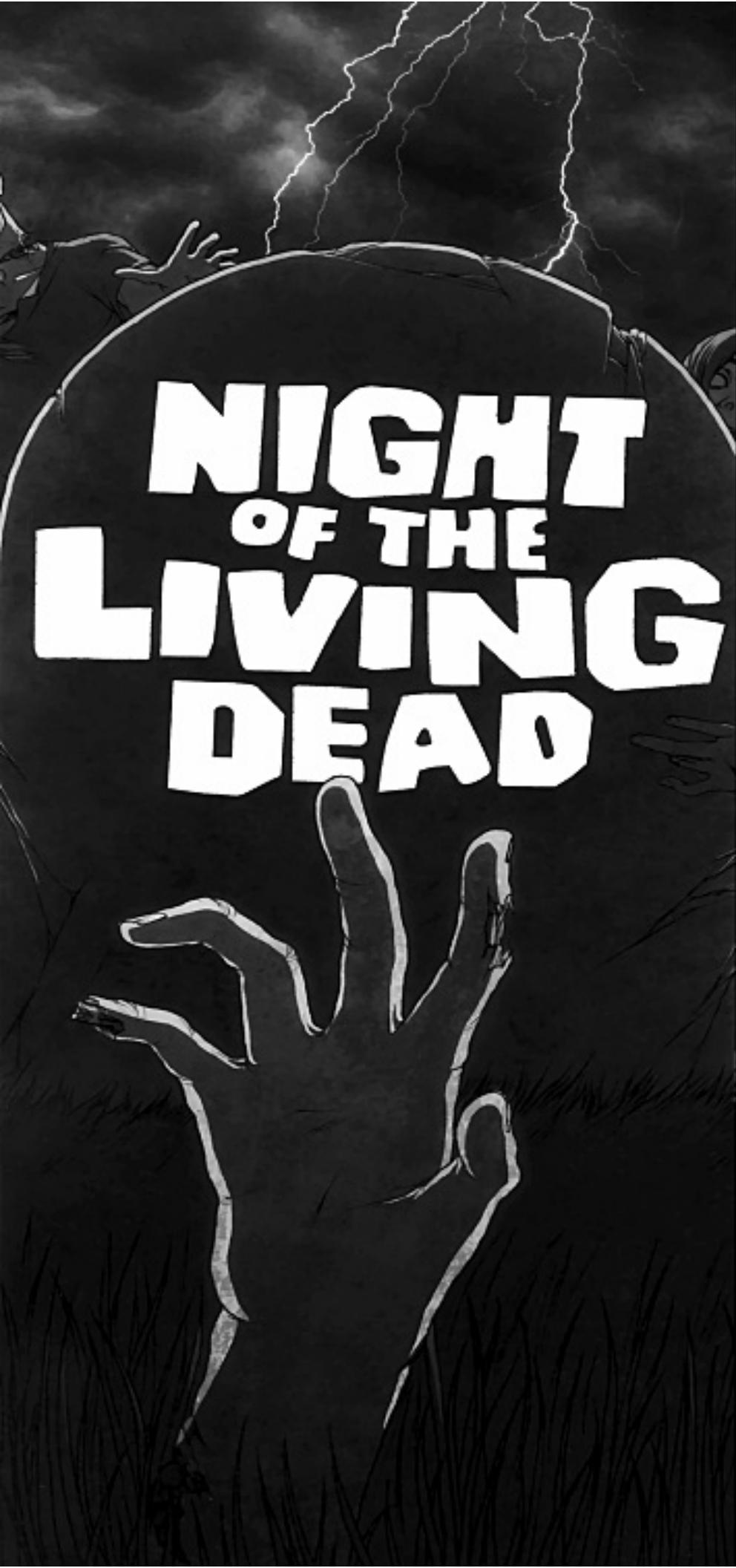
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...NAH,
JUST A
COUPLE OF
LOCALS
MAKING OUT.

I'M HEADING
BACK TO THE
HIGHWAY NOW.
OVER AND OUT.







"WE DO, BUT NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY, IT DOESN'T CHANGE THINGS."

"I STILL NEVER KNOW IF YOU'RE COMING HOME WHEN YOU WALK OUT THAT DOOR."

"I CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE OF THIS, JOHN. I CAN'T."



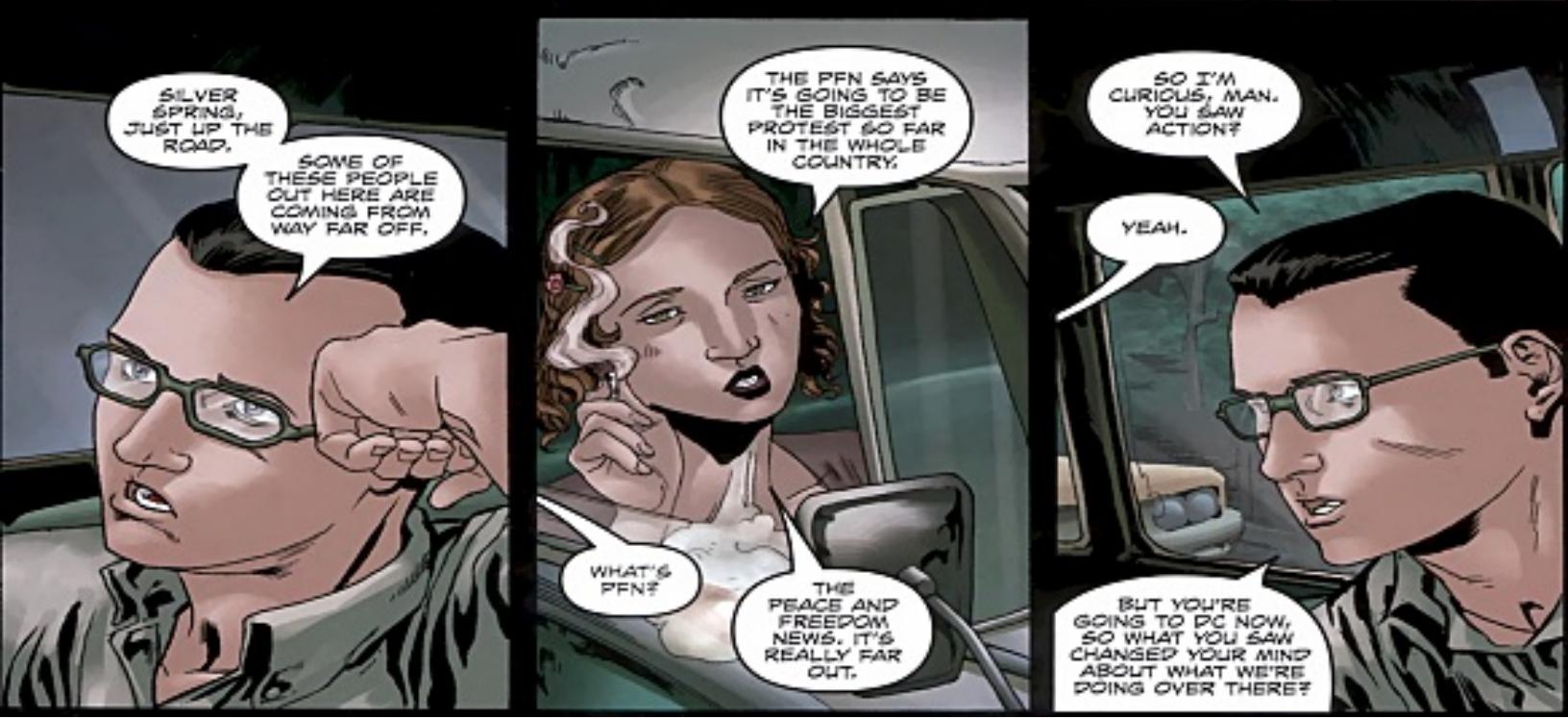












IT'S
NOT LIKE
THAT AT
ALL.

I DIDN'T
RUN DOWN TO THE
RECRUITMENT
CENTER AND SAY,
"TAKE ME!" I JUST
DIDN'T BETCH ABOUT
IT WHEN I GOT
CALLED UP.

AT THE
TIME, IT
DIDN'T FEEL
LIKE THE
WRONG THING
TO DO.

BUT ONCE
I GOT TO
NAM... IT'S
DIFFERENT NOW.

YOU PEOPLE,
PROTESTERS...
NO OFFENSE.

YOU
FOCUS ON
THE DEAD,
WHO'S BEING
KILLED.

BUT
THEY'RE
THE LUCKY
ONES.

THEY DON'T
HAVE TO LIVE
WITH
MEMORIES.

IT'S NOT
JUST A WAR
THAT'S GOING
ON OVER
THERE.

HEY, FAR OUT,
WE'RE
FINALLY
MOVING.

SLOWLY,
BUT
STILL...

HEY, SO
HOW LONG
WERE YOU
THERE?

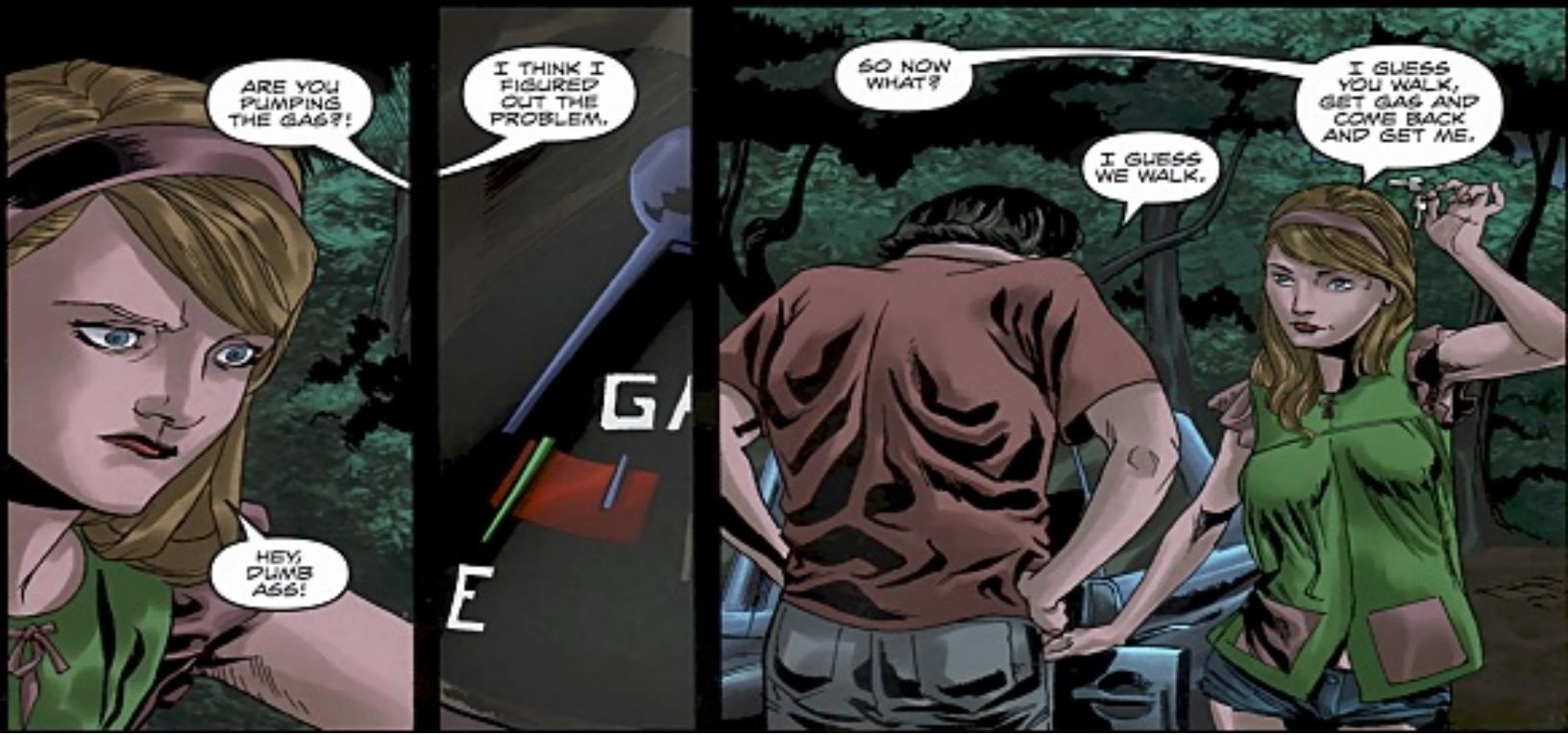
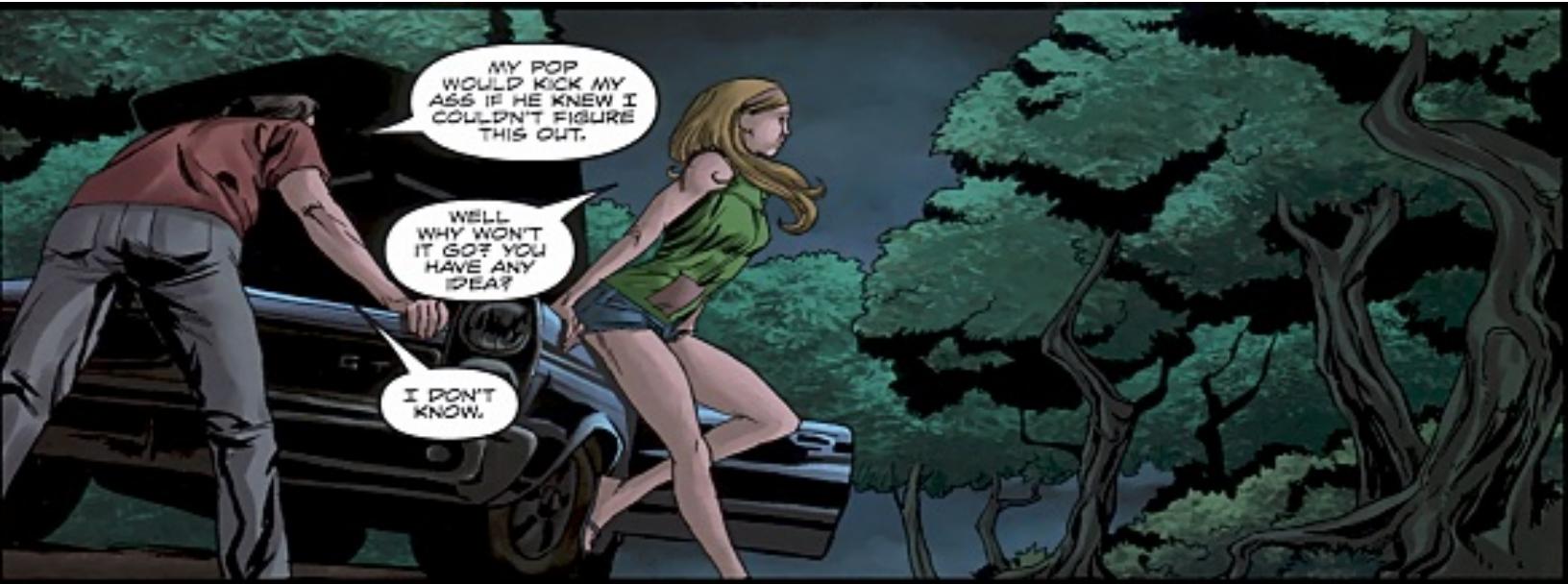
THIRTY-
EIGHT
DAYS.

REALLY?
THAT'S NOT
TOO BAD.

UM... I
KNOW, THAT
WAS STUPID.
I'M SORRY.

HOW DID
YOU GET
HOME SO
QUICK?



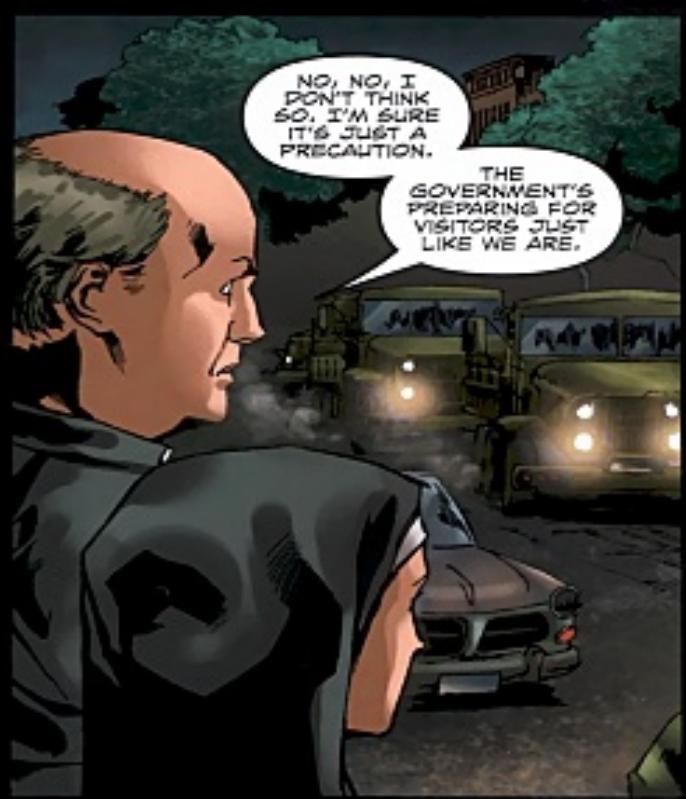
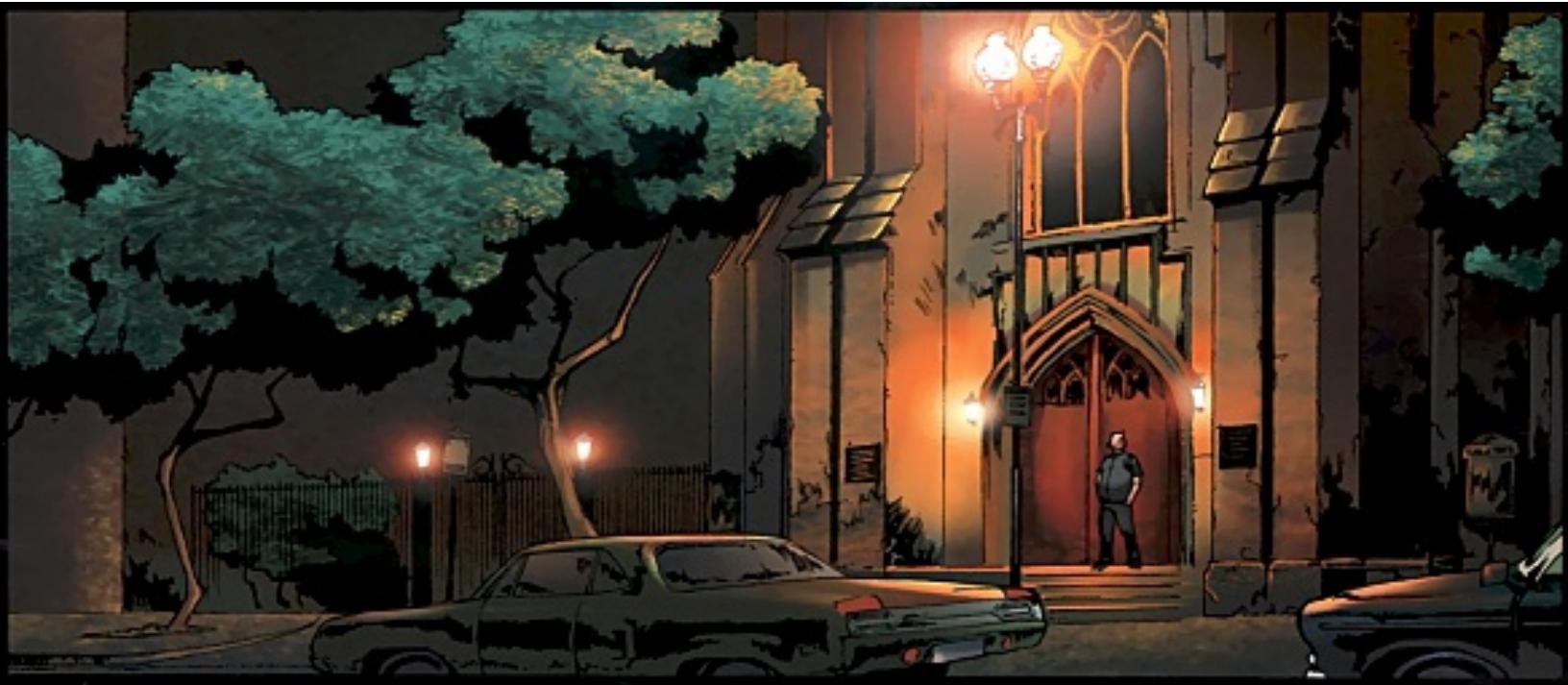


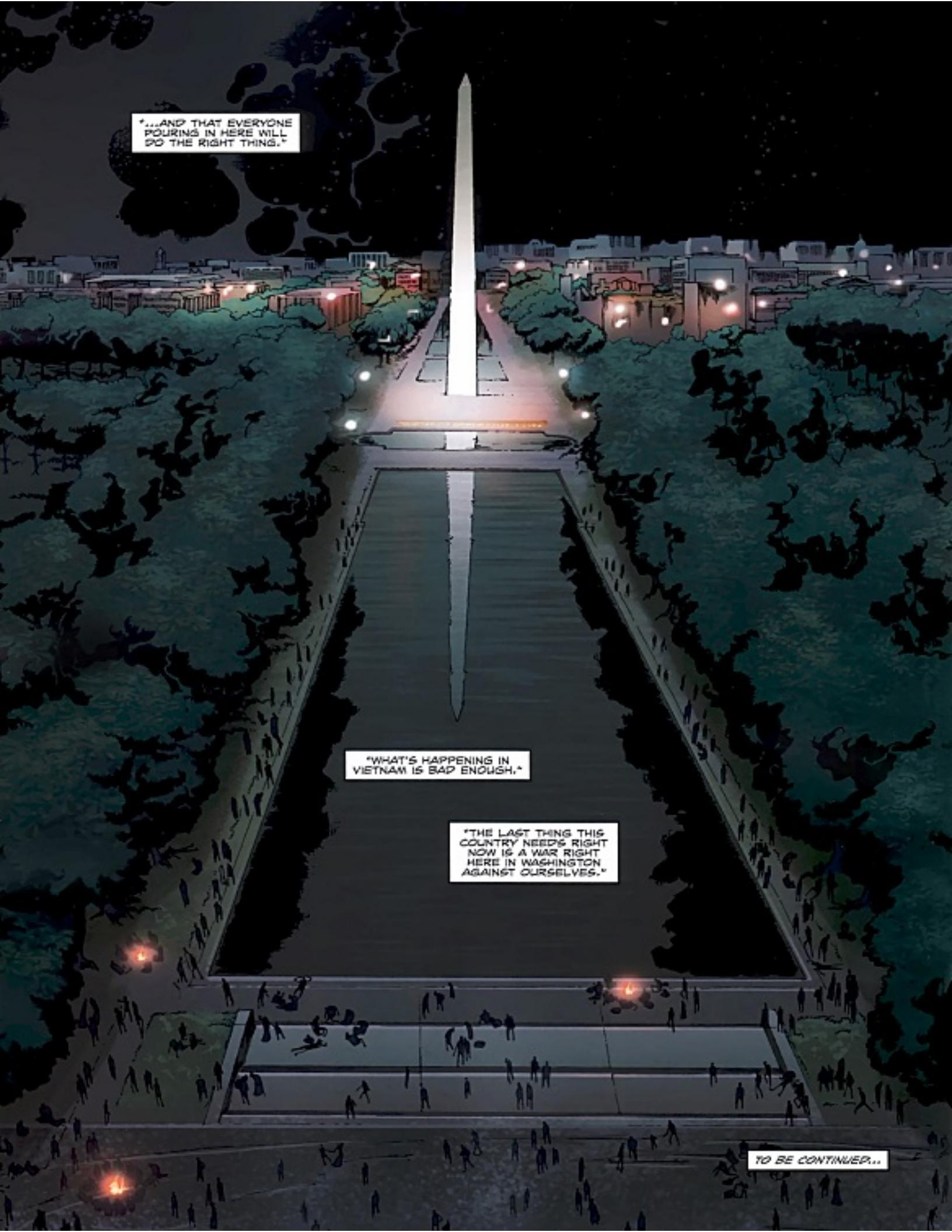












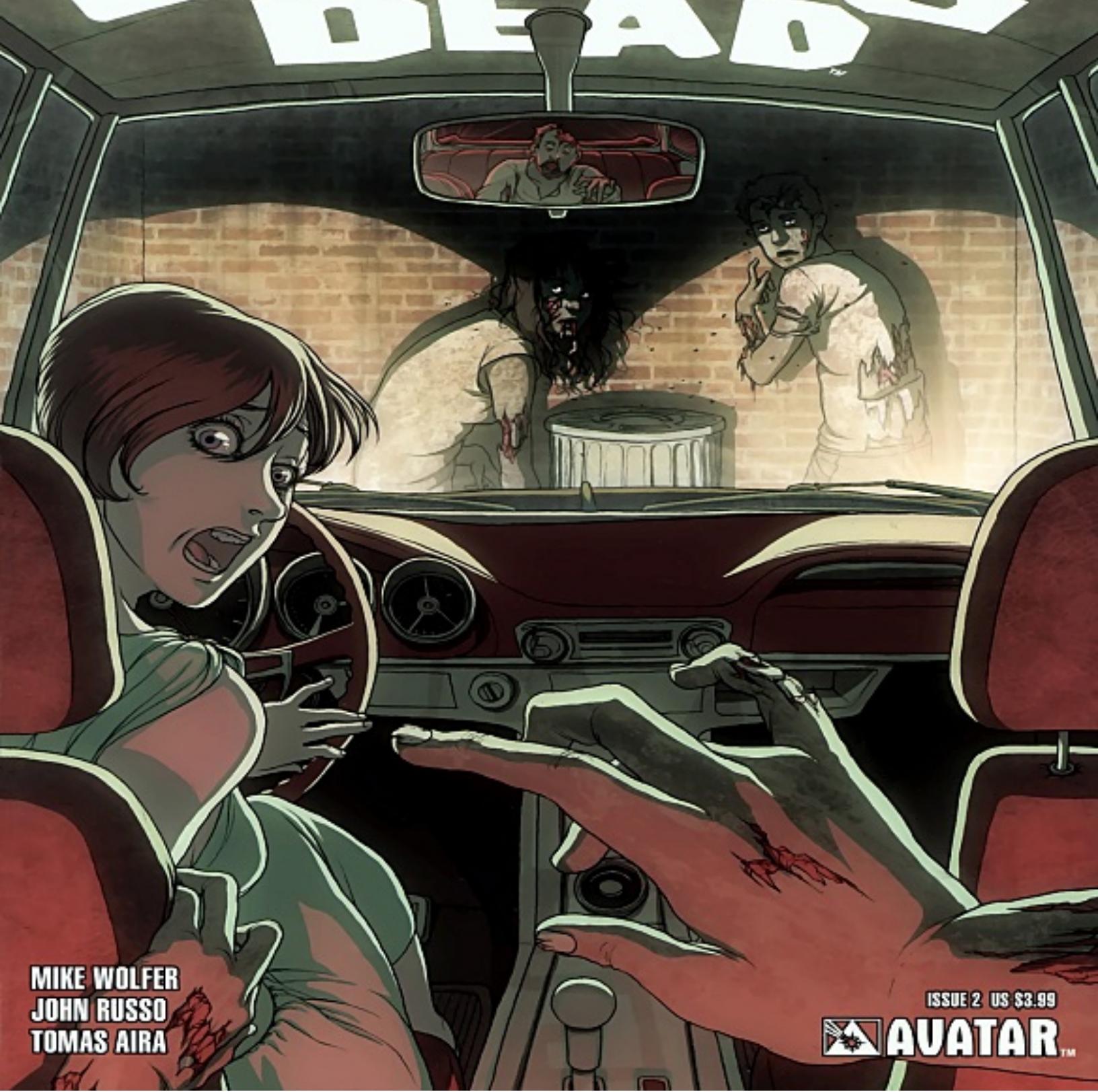
"...AND THAT EVERYONE
POURING IN HERE WILL
DO THE RIGHT THING."

"WHAT'S HAPPENING IN
VIETNAM IS BAD ENOUGH."

"THE LAST THING THIS
COUNTRY NEEDS RIGHT
NOW IS A WAR RIGHT
HERE IN WASHINGTON
AGAINST OURSELVES."

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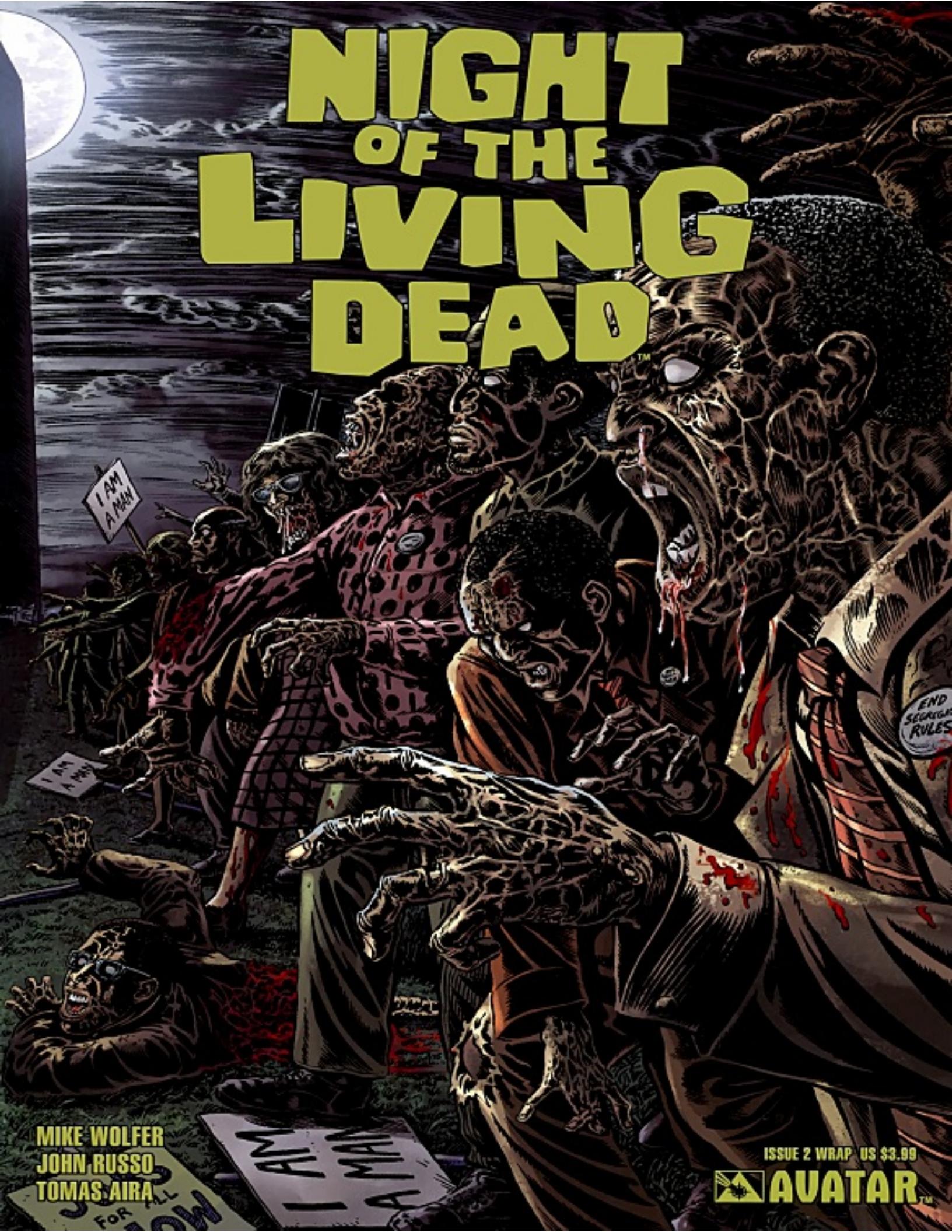


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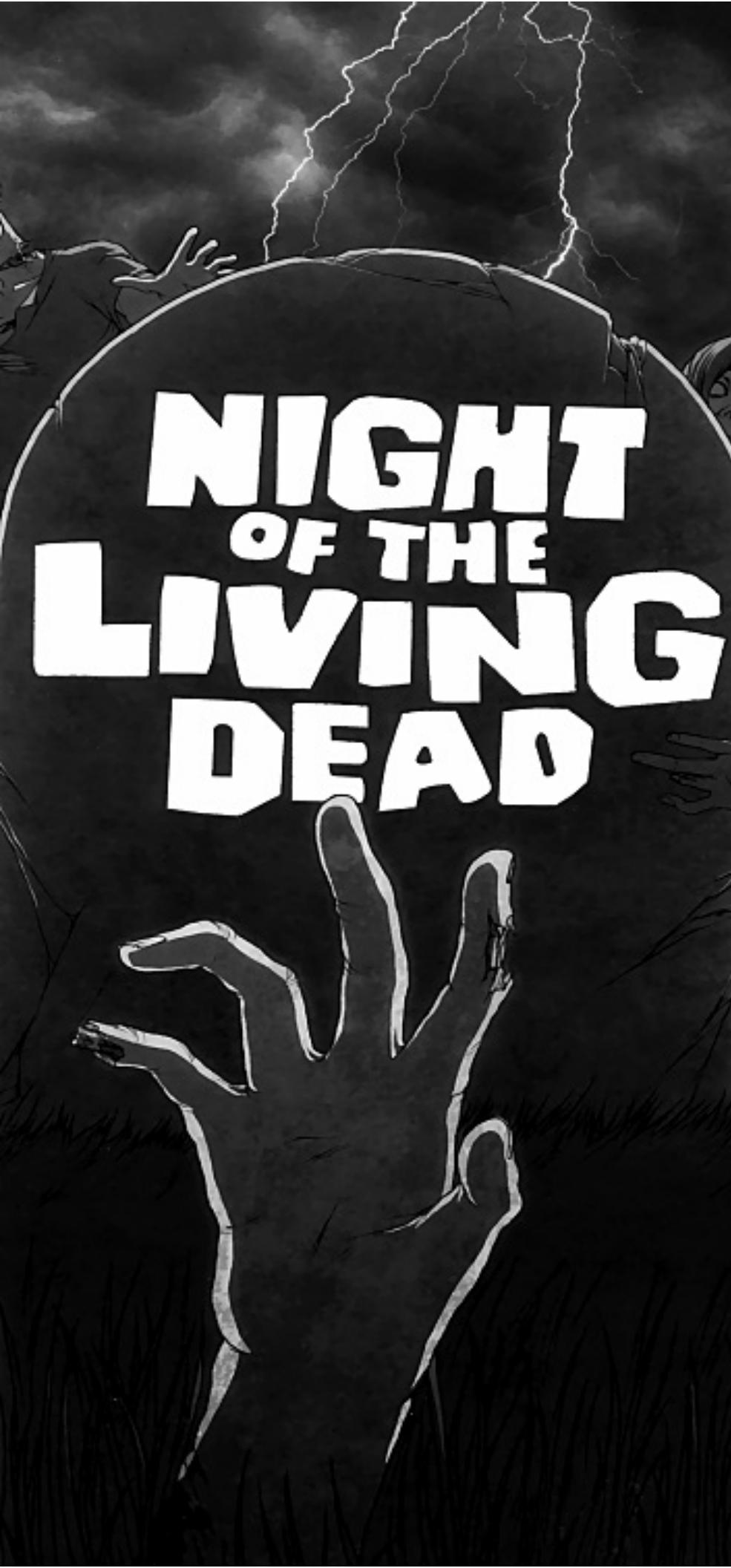
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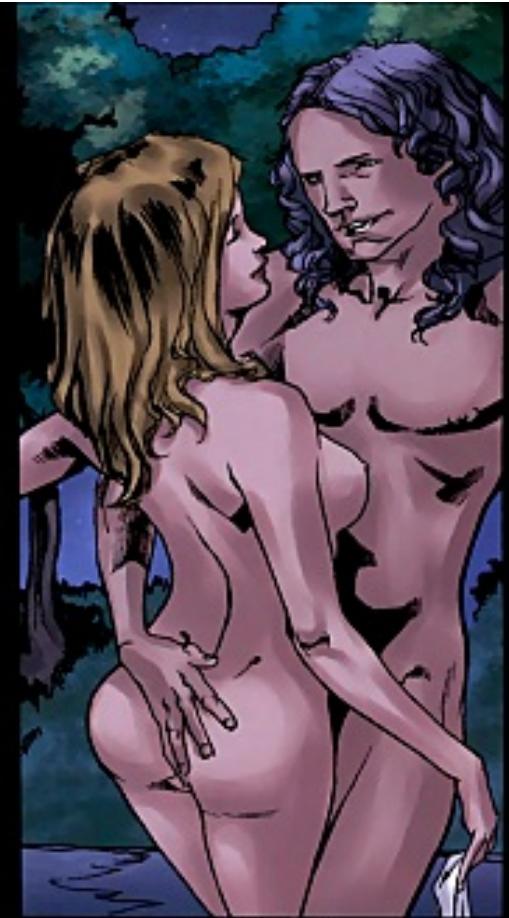
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"YEAH, I KNOW YOU'RE GONNA SAY THAT'S A BUNCH OF JIVE, BUT IT'S FOR REAL. SHE MAKES THREATS."

"SOMETIMES SHE TALKS DIVORCE, DEAD SERIOUS. SHE SAID THAT AFTER I GO TO 'NAM, SHE MIGHT HAVE THE BABY, MOVE BACK TO MISSISSIPPI WITH HER FOLKS AND FORGET I EXIST. SHE DOESN'T WANT TO BE MARRIED TO A MURDERER."

"IT'S NOT FAIR. EVERYTHING'S FALLING APART."

"AND WHAT HAVE I GOT TO LOOK FORWARD TO? NOTHING."

"I LOSE LAWANDA AND THE BABY, MAYBE LOSE AN ARM OR A LEG OR MY FACE OVER THERE..."

"AND COME BACK HERE TO GET SPIT ON AND CALLED A BABY KILLER."

DO CHURCHES HAVE RESTROOMS?

I'M NOT KIDDING...

I'LL PISS
RIGHT HERE ON
THE SIDEWALK IF
WE DON'T FIND A
TOILET IN THE NEXT
FIVE MINUTES.

WHAT ABOUT IN
THERE?

YOU'RE
JOKEING,
RIGHT?

WELL I
DON'T
KNOW, DO
THEY?

















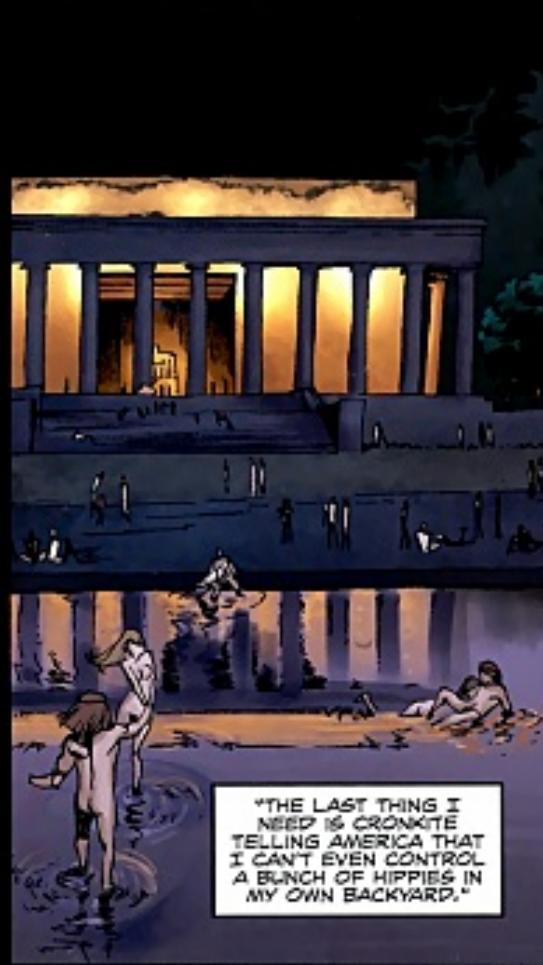








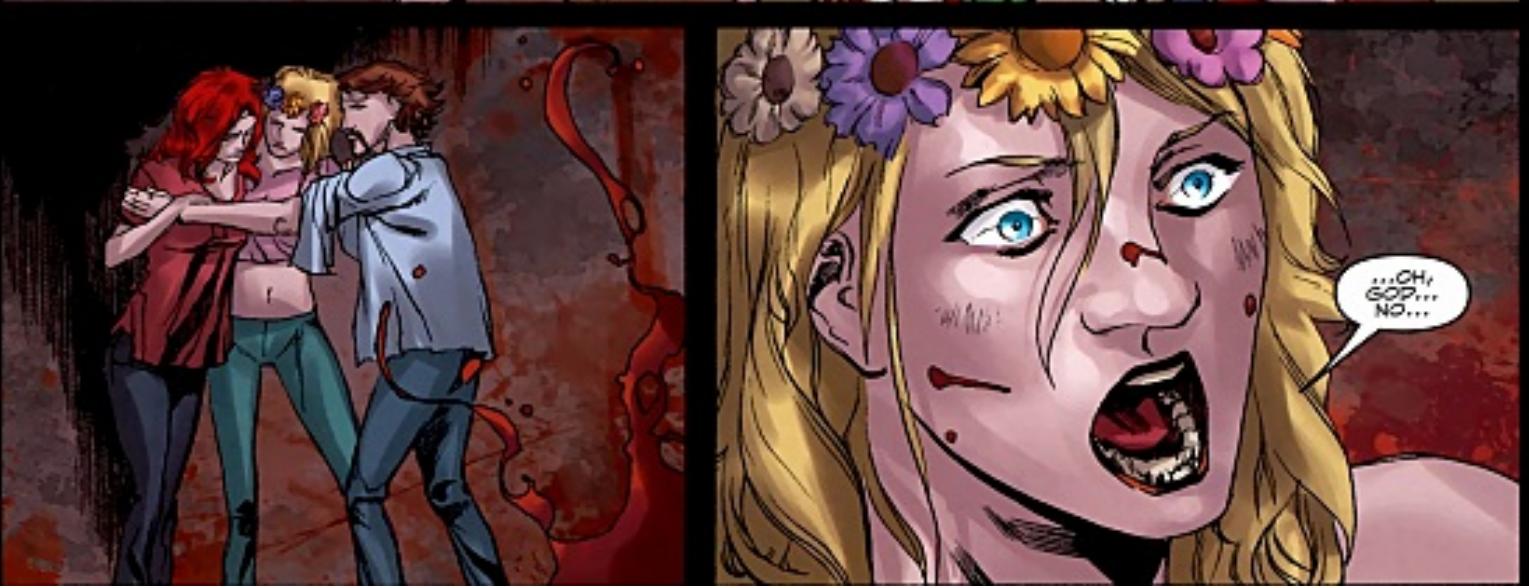














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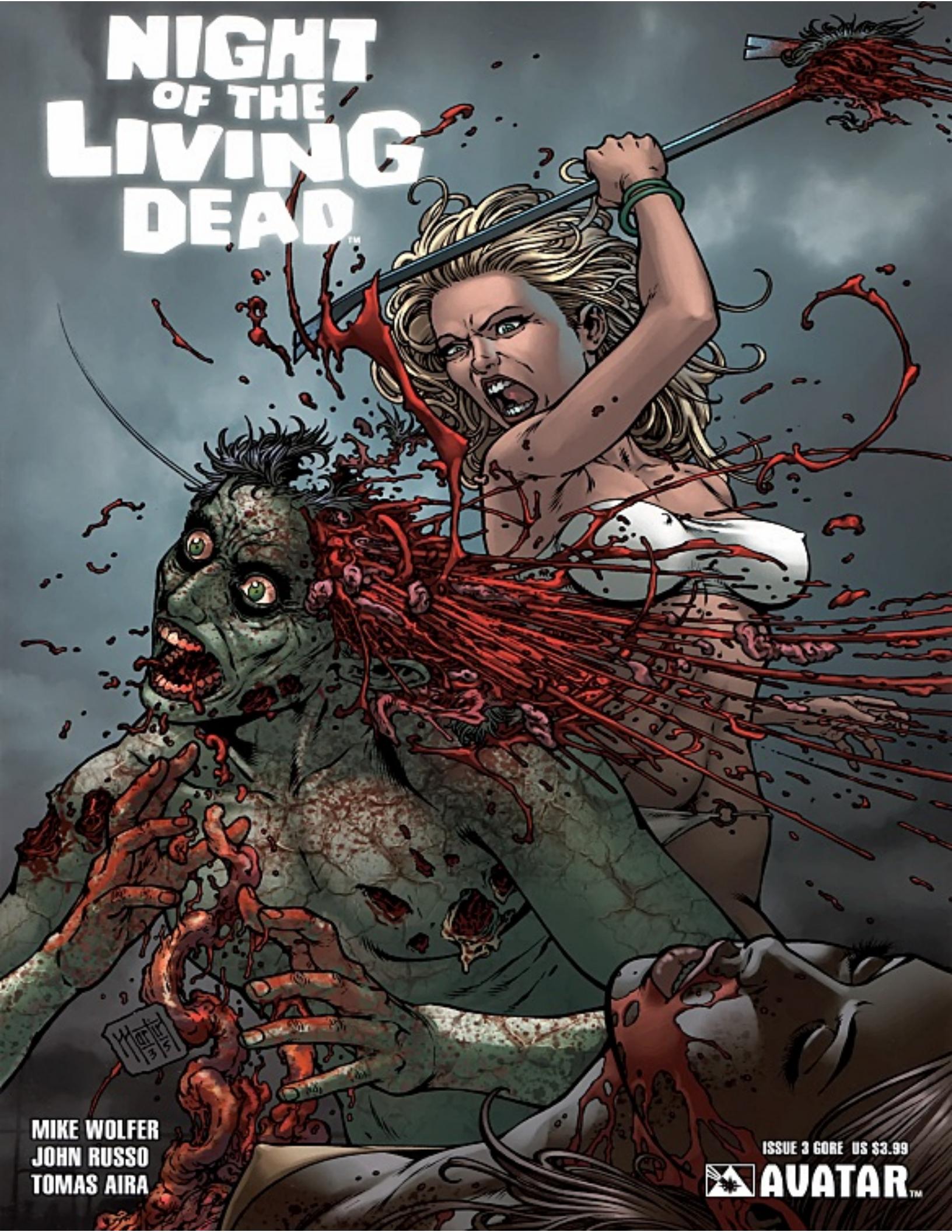
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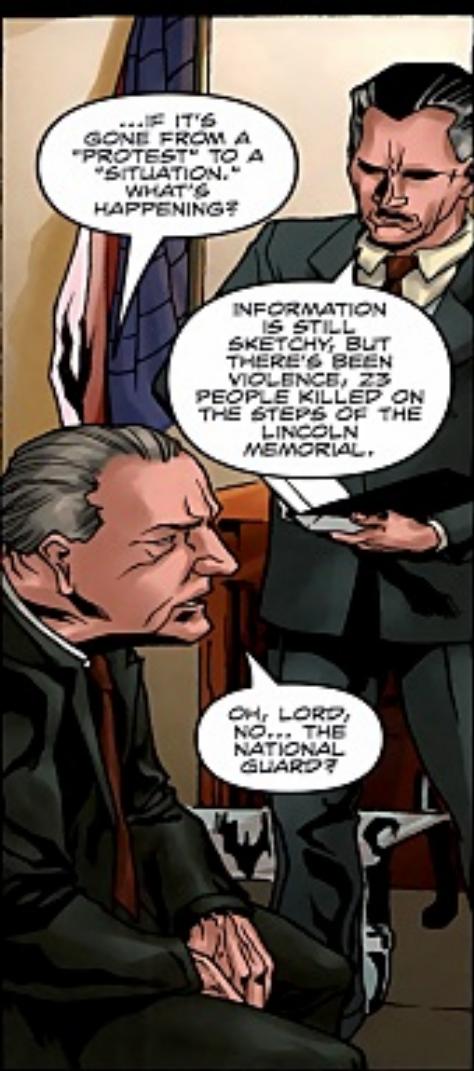
























JUST SOUTH OF THE DEMARCACTION LINE WITH NORTH VIETNAM WAS A VILLAGE NAMED HOI LAI.

ON OCTOBER 16TH, 1967, J COMPANY WAS ORDERED INTO HOI LAI TO DO RECONNAISSANCE BECAUSE OF SUSPECTED VIET CONG ACTIVITY WITHIN THE VILLAGE.

J COMPANY ENTERED HOI LAI AND WAS THERE FOR MORE THAN 36 HOURS.

DURING THAT TIME, WE UNCOVERED NOT ONE ENEMY COMBATANT, NO EVIDENCE OF VIET CONG ACTIVITY AND NOT ONE ROUND WAS FIRED AGAINST US.

BUT BEFORE J COMPANY WAS PULLED OUT, OVER 300 SOUTH VIETNAMESE MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN HAD BEEN BRUTALLY MURDERED.

THE FIRST SUSPECTED ENEMY TO DIE WAS IN A RICE PADDY OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE, WHOSE CRIME WAS RUNNING WHEN WE APPROACHED. SHE WAS SHOT BY A PRIVATE, ON DIRECT ORDER.

THE GIRL WAS ABOUT 20 YEARS OLD AND WAS TRYING TO RECOVER HER BABY, WHO WAS 15 FEET AWAY FROM HER, SLEEPING IN A WICKER BASKET AS SHE WORKED IN THE FIELD.

WHEN WE GOT TO HER, SHE WAS STILL ALIVE, CRYING AND BEGGING FOR MERCY.

THE COMMANDING OFFICER FIRED SEVERAL ROUNDS INTO THE BABY, BEFORE KILLING THE MOTHER.

ONCE WE WERE IN THE VILLAGE, IT ONLY GOT WORSE, AND IT BECAME A DISGUSTING, HORRIFIC BLOODBATH BEYOND IMAGINING. IT WAS INHUMAN WHAT WE DID. ONE SOLDIER COMMENTED THAT THE VIETNAMESE WEREN'T EVEN HUMAN, SO IT DIDN'T MATTER WHAT WE DID.

WITH THEIR HANDS RAISED AND PLEASING FOR THEIR LIVES, VILLAGERS WERE ROUNDED UP AND TORTURED, BURNED ALIVE OR DISMEMBERED IN FRONT OF THEIR FAMILIES.

YOUNG GIRLS HAD THEIR THROATS SLIT WHILE THEY WERE BEING RAPED.

BABIES WERE REPEATEDLY THROWN AGAINST THE GROUND TO SEE HOW MUCH THEY COULD ENDURE BEFORE THEIR SKIN RUPTURED.

DOZENS WERE HERDED INTO PITCHES AND SPRAYED WITH AUTOMATIC RIFLE FIRE, AND THOSE WHO SURVIVED AND CRAWLED TO THE SURFACE OF THE DEAD WERE HIT BY GRENADE LAUNCHERS.

THE ONLY SHOT I FIRED WAS INTO MY OWN LEG, SO THAT I COULD BE MEDICOVED OUT.

AND NO ONE WILL TALK, AND THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THE SLAUGHTER EVEN HAPPENED. THERE WERE NO SURVIVORS, AND THE VILLAGE WAS BURNED TO THE GROUND AND BURIED.

I WILL NOT NAME THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED, THAT IS FOR YOU TO UNCOVER.

I HOPE THAT YOU WILL SLEEP WELL TONIGHT, MR. PRESIDENT.









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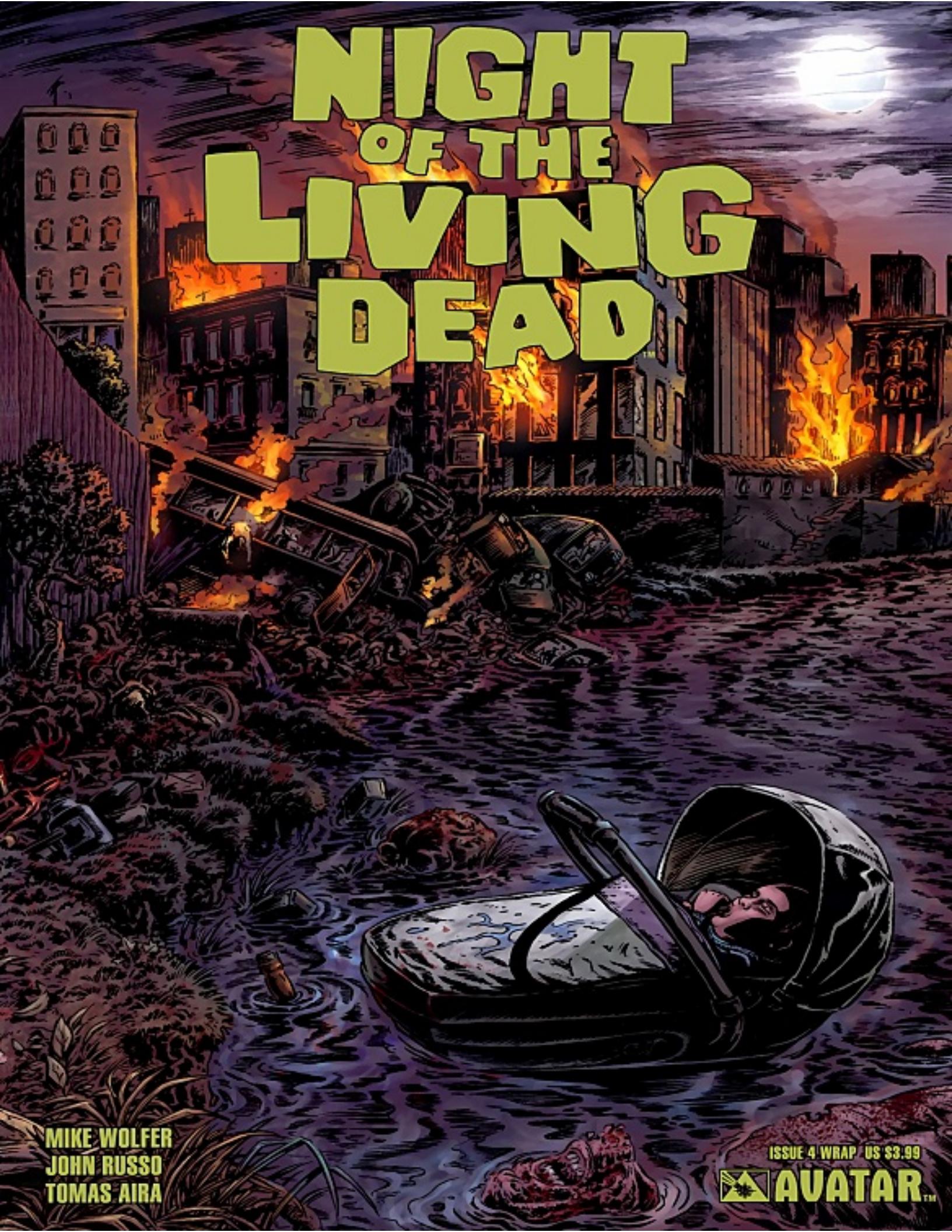


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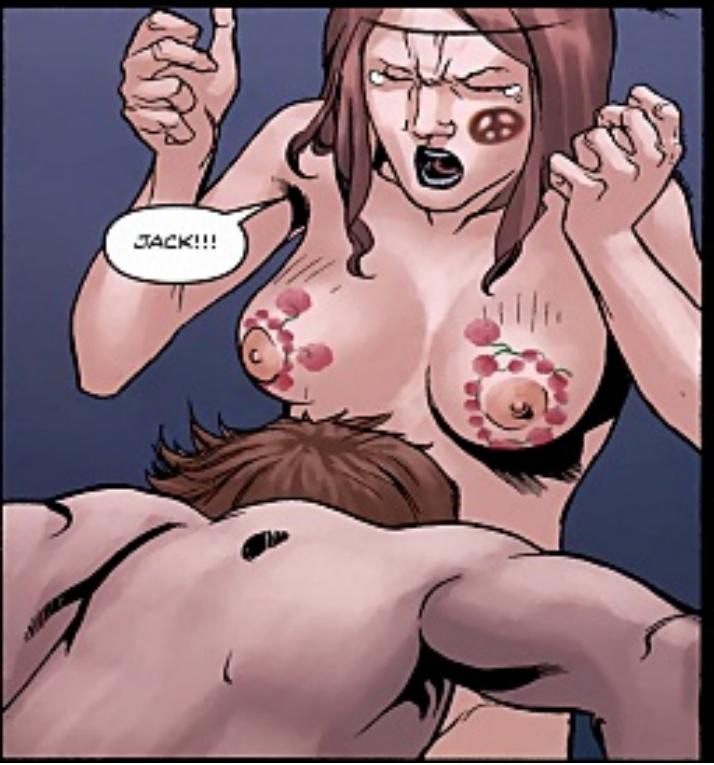






















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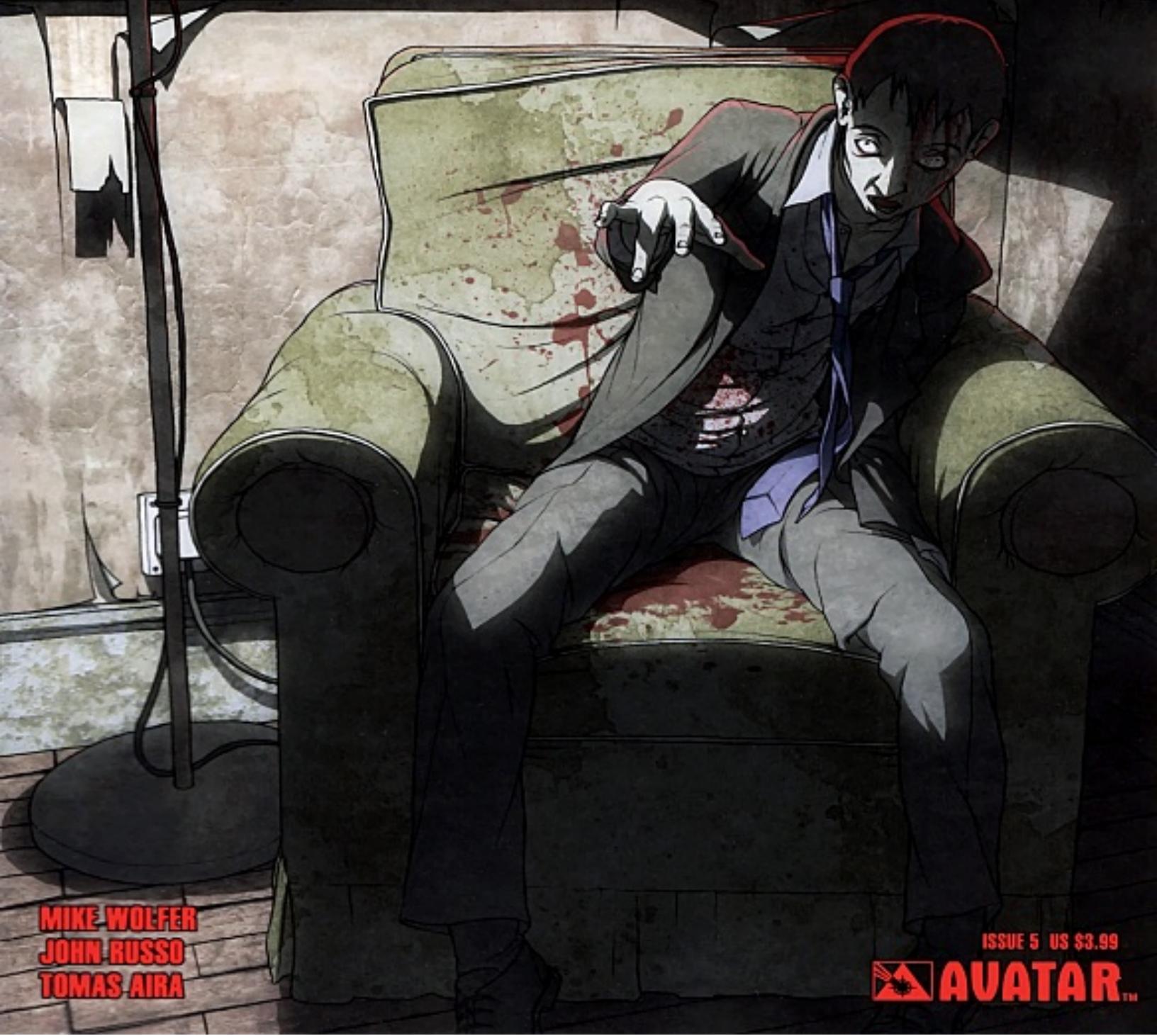








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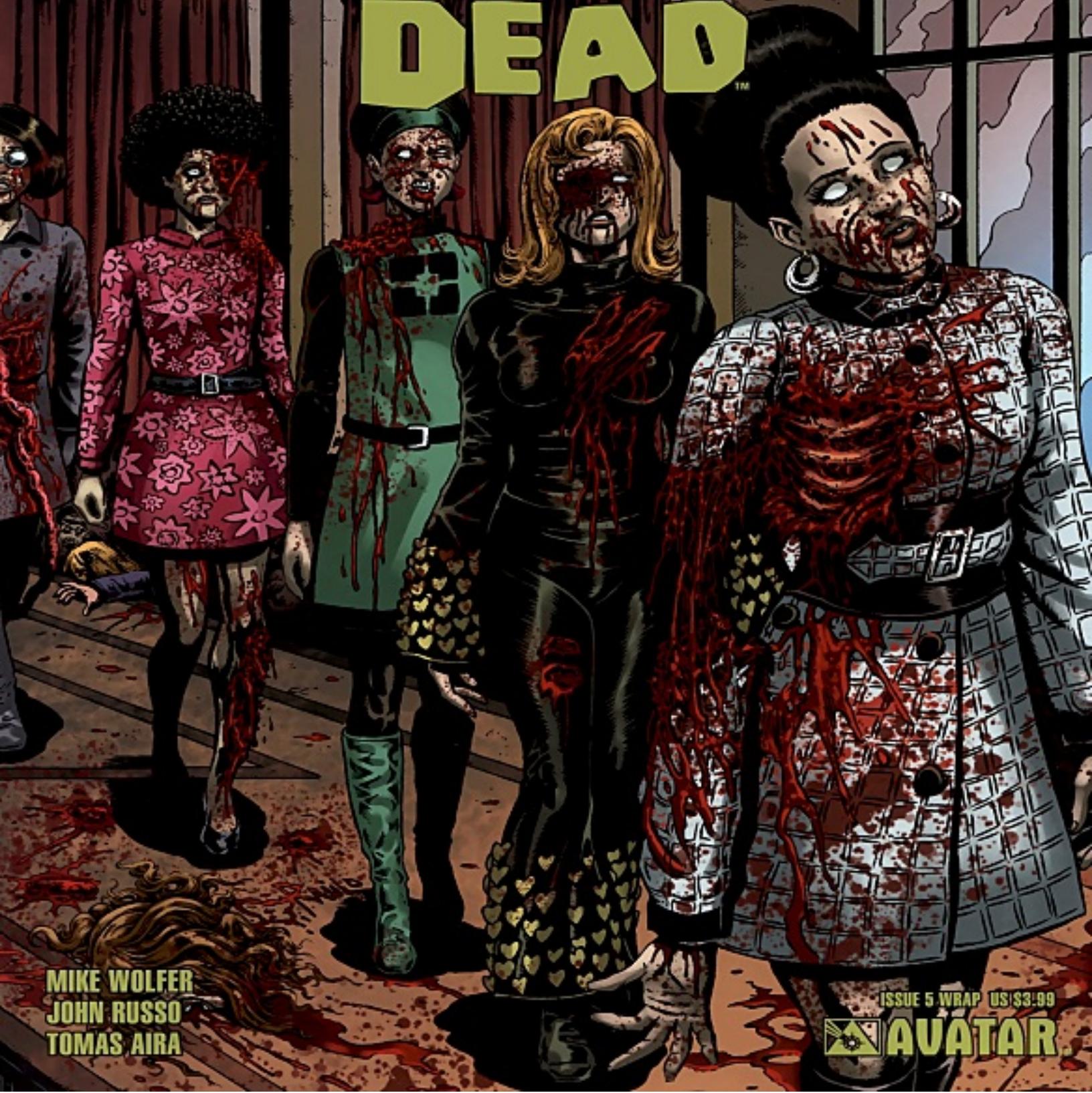
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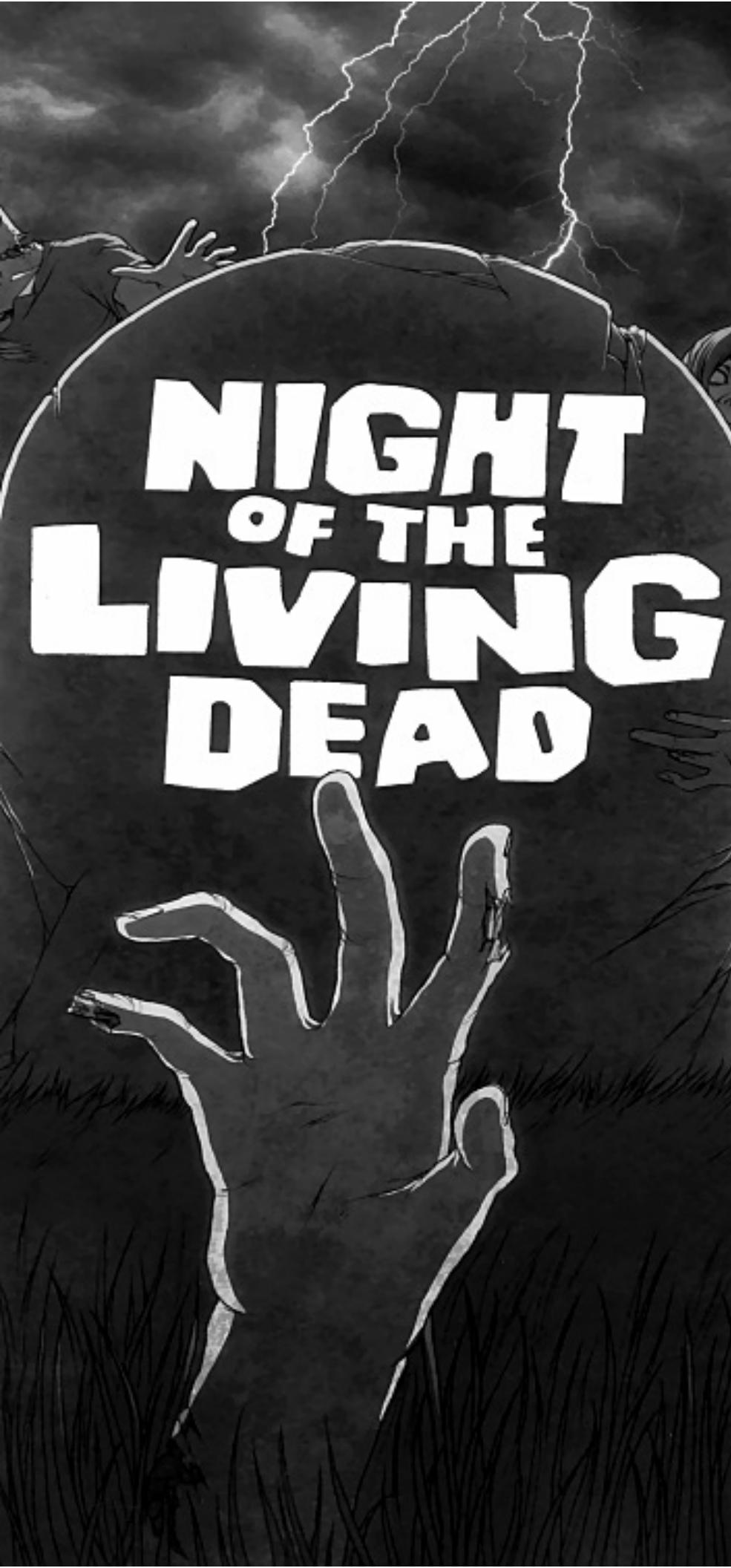
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...IN WASHINGTON D.C. THIS EVENING, AS AN ANTI-WAR PROTEST HAS ERUPTED INTO VIOLENCE.

REPORTERS IN THE FIELD SAY THAT MASSIVE GUNFIRE HAS BEEN HEARD IN THE AREA OF THE REFLECTING POOL, WHICH SPANS THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL AND THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT.

IT IS IN THIS AREA THAT THE ORGANIZED PROTEST IS CENTERED, WHERE HUNDREDS, PERHAPS THOUSANDS OF YOUNG DEMONSTRATORS HAVE BEEN CAMPED, AWAITING TOMORROW'S RALLY.



THE RIOTING BEGAN SHORTLY AFTER 9:30 PM AFTER A RALLY SPEECH BY POLITICAL ACTIVIST ROBBIE NEWMAN AND A GUEST SPEAKER. THE NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS WHO HAVE SURROUNDED THE AREA AS A DETERRENT TO VIOLENT ACTION BY THE RADICALS WERE THEN ATTACKED, BUT THE SOURCE OF THE REPORTED GUNFIRE IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL STATEMENT, AS YET, FROM THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE OF THE 74TH TROOP COMMAND OF D.C.'S ARMY NATIONAL GUARD.

FURTHER CONFUSING AN ALREADY VOLATILE SITUATION, FANTASTIC ACCOUNTS OF UNDEAD GHOULS ROAMING THE STREETS NEAR THE NATIONAL MALL ARE BEING CIRCULATED BY THE PROTESTERS. THESE STORIES ARE ENTIRELY FICTIONAL AND ARE SIMPLY A PLOY TO GENERATE FEAR IN THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND STRENGTHEN ANTI-GOVERNMENT SENTIMENT.

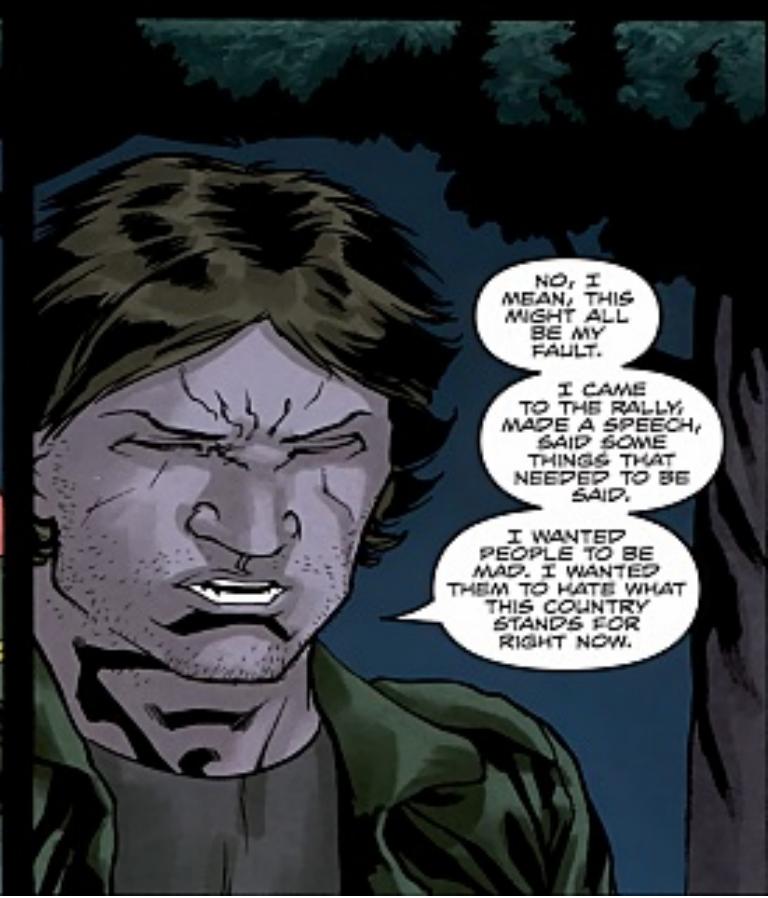


WORD FROM WHITE HOUSE SOURCES CONFIRM THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON WILL BE FLYING TO CAMP DAVID FOR AN EMERGENCY MEETING, BUT THIS IS IN NO WAY RELATED TO, OR PRECIPITATED BY, THE RIOTING.

WE'LL KEEP YOU UPDATED WITH THE MOST RELIABLE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS THIS SHOCKING STORY DEVELOPS.

IN THE WTOP NEWSROOM, THIS HAS BEEN GEORGE ANDREWS REPORTING.





























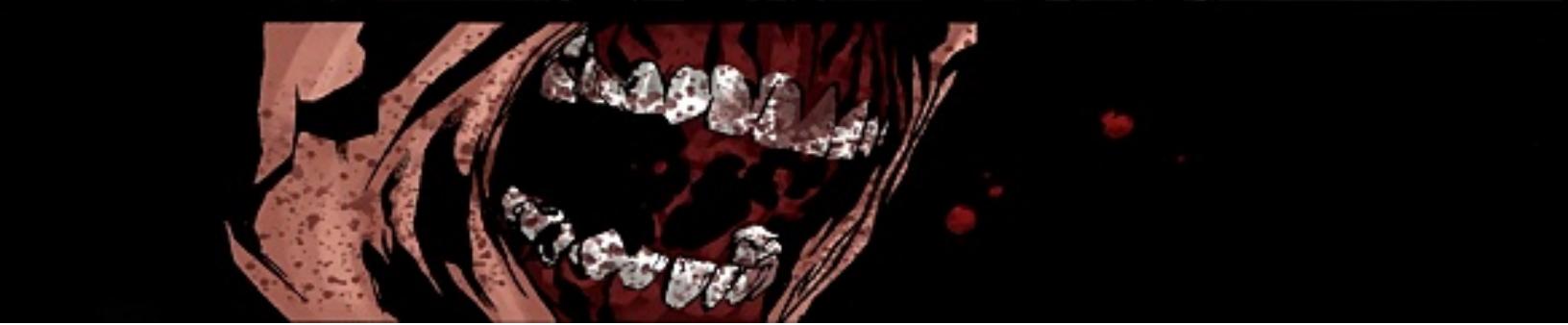












"...SO IT IS WITH RENEWED HOPE IN THE HUMAN SPIRIT THAT I SPEAK BEFORE YOU TODAY."

"WE HAVE WEATHERED ALMOST UNBEARABLE STORMS THIS PAST YEAR."

"AND SHOULDERED ALMOST UNBEARABLE BURDENS."

Peace Garden
Dedicated
In Loving Memor
Of
Father Edward
O'Connor
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"SOME OF US HAVE GIVEN OUR LIVES IN THE SERVICE OF GOD..."

"WHILE OTHERS HAVE PROUDLY DIED IN THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY."

LOCAL MAN KILLED IN VIETNAM
SGT. MORRIS EVAN

"BUT STILL, WE SING A SONG OF HOPE FOR TOMORROW..."

